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TAGS: CDES, ET (MCNATT, ROBERT EUGENE)

SUBJECT: CONSOFF PERFORMED CONSULAR DUTIES IN DJIBOUTI FOR  
SEAMAN DEATH CASE

REF: 1 PARIS 09874, AND 2) STATE 082527

1. CONSOFF FOUND THE MAJORITY OF FRENCH OFFICIALS TO BE  
CORDIAL AND HELPFUL IN DJIBOUTI VISIT WHICH BEGAN APRIL 7  
AND ENDED APRIL 10 (REFTEL 1). PREVIOUS REQUIREMENTS FOR  
STATESIDE INTERVENTION FROM APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
WAS WAIVED (REFTEL 2). HOWEVER, DIFFICULTIES WERE ENCOUNTERED  
WITH DR. CHARLES ARDOUIN, CHIEF OF MEDICAL SERVICES AT  
PELTIER HOSPITAL, WHO PRIOR TO CONSULAR VIPT, REFUSED TO  
ISSUE DEATH CERTIFICATE OF STATE CAUSE OF DEATH.

2. ARDOUIN TOLD CONSOFF THAT HE ISSUED DEATH CERTIFICATE  
AND PUT CAUSE OF DEATH AS VASCULAR CEREBRAL ACCIDENT BE-  
CAUSE OF PRESSURE RECEIVED FROM FRENCH OFFICIALS THIS CASE  
BUT THE ACTUAL CAUSE OF DEATH DOES NOT CONCERN EMBASSY. HE  
DID STATE THAT THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS NON-CONTAGIOUS.

3. CONSOFF DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH FRENCH CONSUL ADDIS  
WHO TELEPHONED ARDOUIN AND REPORTED THAT ARDOUIN TOLD  
HIM THAT THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS QUOTE A PROFESSIONAL SECRET  
UNQUOTE. FRENCH CONSUL PLANS ON REPORTING CASE TO DOMTOM.

4. GELLATLY HANKEY AND CIC OFFICE IN ADDIS HAS REQUESTED  
THAT MCNATT'S EFFECTS BE SHIPPED FROM DJIBOUTI TO ADDIS  
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FOR CONSULAR DISPOSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAM 7 554.1-2.

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